

By A. Moreno

H B. No. 1972

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a moratorium on the granting of certain water rights
and a study of the Rio Grande.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. A moratorium is placed on the issuance of water
rights permits on the Rio Grande until September 1, 1992, and the
Texas Water Commission may not accept applications for and may not
grant water rights permits for the Rio Grande under Chapter 11,
Water Code, until September 1, 1992.

SECTION 2. The Texas Water Commission shall make a study of
the Rio Grande and shall make findings and determinations of the
following:

(1) the amount of water remaining in the Rio Grande that is
still available for appropriation under a permit granted by the
Texas Water Commission;

(2) the amount of water of the Rio Grande that is currently
covered by outstanding water rights permits;

(3) outstanding water rights for which the Texas Water
Commission should institute cancellation proceedings under Chapter
11, Water Code; and

(4) the potential availability and use of water in the Rio
Grande for the next 50-year period.

SECTION 3. Not later than September 1, 1992, the Texas Water
Commission shall prepare and issue a report of its findings and

1 determinations from the study and shall make recommendations based
2 on those findings and determinations.

3 SECTION 4. (a) Copies of the report shall be provided to
4 the governor, the presiding officers of each house of the
5 legislature, and each member of the legislature.

6 (b) The Texas Water Commission also shall make copies of its
7 report available to the general public and may charge a reasonable
8 fee for those copies to cover the costs of production and
9 availability.

10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

11 SECTION 6. The importance of this legislation and the
12 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
13 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
14 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
15 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

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1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.

MAR 24 1987

2. Read first time and Referred to Committee on

Natural Resources

3. Reported favorably (as amended)
(as substituted) and sent to Printer at _____

4. Printed and distributed at _____

5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at _____

6. Read second time (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by (Non-Record Vote)
(Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____
present, not voting).

7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B. _____ was ordered
engrossed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas,
_____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

8. Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed
to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____
present, not voting.

9. Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote
of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

10. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

11. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H. B. _____ was finally passed
prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____
nays, and _____ present, not voting).

12. Ordered Engrossed at _____

13. Engrossed.

14. Returned to Chief Clerk at _____

15. Sent to Senate.

Chief Clerk of the House

16. Received from the House

17. Read, referred to Committee on _____

18. Reported favorably

19. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read
first time.

20. Ordered not printed.

21. Regular order of business suspended by
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

_____ 22. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules
suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

_____ 23. Read second time _____ passed to third reading by:
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

_____ 24. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

_____ 25. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas,
_____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

_____ 26. Read third time and passed by
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

OTHER ACTION:

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Secretary of the Senate

_____ 27. Returned to the House.

_____ 28. Received from the Senate (with amendments.)
(as substituted.)

_____ 29. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate (Amendments)
(Substitute) by a (Non-Record
Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present,
not voting).

_____ 30. Conference Committee Ordered.

_____ 31. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record
Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

_____ 32. Ordered Enrolled at _____